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FCC
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC:

I am concerned that it is taking so long to pass the approval of a merger between XM & Sirius Satellite Radio. I am and have been a user of the XM service for 3 years now and I love it. My only issues with the services are that some of the content I signed up for has moved to the other platform. i.e.: NASCAR. I would love to see a merger simply so I could gain access to even more choices and some lost entertainment.

If I could answer anything that appears to be the stopping points, it would be as follows with respect to the topic:

Monopoly/Competition

As a user, I must state that if the merger were to happen the ONLY monopoly that would occur would be in Satellite Radio Industry as their currently are no other providers until someone decided to start another company. With respect to AM/FM radio, how can it be a monopoly any more than using a device such as an IPOD or cassette player is one? I still listen to my local stations on FM as much or maybe even more than my XM because of hassles with moving it with me. It's a lot easier to turn on a radio and hear FM than to move my antennae and power device for XM radio. Regular radio has gotten so stale that it replays ONLY what the "BIG" guys want you to hear and buy and blocks out the artist who otherwise might make it big if they could only be heard. Satellite radio plays such wide and varying genres and includes unknown names at times. Sounds like

competition to me.

Cost/Value - safeguarding consumers:

Let me see....I have a CHOICE to PAY for satellite radio or I can NOT pay for it and yet that is supposed to hurt me. I fail to see how a company that offers a bigger selection can be harmful???? Let's place the same logic with a fast food restaurant. Let's say burger joint A. decides one day to offer "chicken" or "Chinese"... Does that mean it hurts me the end user or is it simply fears of the "Chicken joint" or "Chinese take out" that get hurt by this? Seems to me it comes down to which offers the "better more desirable" item in whatever category I GET TO CHOOSE.

If the merger were to be final, what I foresee happening in my personal scope would be that I might use the satellite radio a bit more because I suddenly would have access to more of what I WANT....not what is forced down my throat without choice. Ex: FM, CLEAR CHANNEL, Cumulous, or what ever company you want to enter. They buy channels all across the country and then air the same content over and over and over. I don't see anyone trying to stop them from buying (merging) their content into a bigger platform.

As a consumer I urge you to consider that we are in a digital age where anything and everything can be obtained in multiple formats. We see email as a daily tool that once was thought monopolistic and a threat to U.S. Mail but yet I still mail my check in to pay for my radio service. I keep hearing that cable TV is a bad thing yet I can jump online and catch the program I either didn't have time to see or want to watch when they put it out. I have new options on how, who, and what I want to listen too with MP3 Players, satellite radio, cassette players, CD players, AM/FM radio, Internet streaming, and even now my cable provider. The definition of a "MONOPOLY" in itself really can't be applied to this issue when you consider that even the government has jumped in with things like offering cable, phone, internet, or wireless access of which ALL have ability to offer content that I choose to purchase from a satellite radio provider.

In closing, I ask that you open your minds for at least the moment and reflect on the next statement?!

It is all about CHOICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please pass the merger and allow ME to make my own choices about where my content comes from, what subscription level of service I want, and yet again...THE CHOICE to decide for myself whether it is a good value or better selection, and if not again the right to CHOOSE not to pay for it and simply turn on the FM radio on the counter, or locate an online station streaming content, or even plug in my MP3 Player and listen to all of the music files I bought elsewhere by "CHOICE" to listen too.

Thank you, for your time in reading this letter. May your heart, mind, and body be guided to the proper decisions?

Sincerely,

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